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Ms. Courtney Avery
Administrator, Illinois Health Facilities and Services Review Board
525 W. Jefferson Street, 2nd Floor
Springfield, IL 62761

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I appreciate the opportunity to submit this letter for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Jessica D. Green

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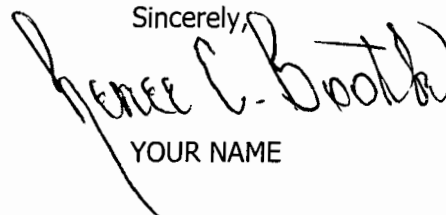
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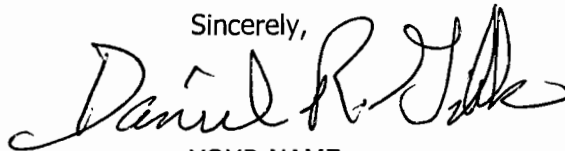
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REFERENCE: Project #14-043

Mr. Mike Constantino
Supervisor, Project Review Section
Illinois Health Facilities & Services Board
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Springfield, IL 62761

October 20, 2014

Dear Mr. Constantino,

*Resent to include all
items required. Sorry.
A. Stork*

Thank you for this opportunity to share our views on the relocation decision St. Elizabeth Hospital management proposes to make. It will take a large measure of 'greater good' motivation and courage to go forward with a more effective decision at this stage. The Right Decision is to stop the runaway train where location is concerned. Then restart the process with transparency and due consideration of the strong objections presented since this intent to relocate the hospital north to the O'Fallon area has come to light.

Valid and thoughtful issues have now been raised regarding the intended location. One in particular stands out for further emphasis—the risk and disregard for the medical needs of residents in the towns and rural areas south of the present Belleville location. These residents have no viable option to Memorial and St. Elizabeth. Have we truly considered these population centers within 20 miles or more of Belleville being forced to drive another half hour to get to the 'New St. E.' or limit their option to Memorial, while excellent, which will likely be overtaxed for services.

To this point in perspective, the growth and potential for the future growth in the above referenced population centers is well documented. The 14 areas considered have a current census count in excess of 54,000; an increase of over 45% from the 1990 census of these same areas. Reinforcing the trend, a recent Wall Street Journal article (9/19/14) projects these types of "Exurb" areas to continue to outpace the general residential market.

Given this insight, along with many equally important considerations that have now been presented, it is impossible to be convincing the most effective road to profit for St. Elizabeth is to move north, particularly when the north area has existing viable hospital options for residents.

These are but a few reasons why the Right Decision at this time is to back away and fully examine the location issues. This should be done with a transparent and comprehensive diagnosis of the opportunities available for St. Elizabeth to effectively serve the total of its potential constituents.

Sincerely,

Donald A. Stork
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Joanna Stork
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cc Courtney Avery